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## Fire a Shot? You're Gonna Get Caught!

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – The 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend is upon us. BBQ's, patriotism, and fireworks; Oh my! The Glendale Police Department wants to remind the public to have a safe holiday and to remember that celebratory gun fire is illegal! Last year, the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> of July had 5 times the daily amount of gun fire than any other time previously during 2015, according to ShotSpotter.

What is ShotSpotter? It is a resource that can be used by police to pinpoint the exact location where a gun has been fired. The Glendale Police use ShotSpotter 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. Random gun fire is against the law and punishable by more than five years in prison. Having a safe and enjoyable holiday is our primary concern for the public, which is why we send officers to check each ShotSpotter activation that indicates a firearm was used. Fire a shot? You're gonna get caught!

Please celebrate safely and do not endanger your community by firing off a gun in celebration of the holiday. Random gun fire can hurt, mame, or even kill a neighbor. Remember Newton's law of gravity, "what goes up must come down."



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\*Spanish translation available

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